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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS DOUBTS PERSHING MISSILES WILL

GO TO ISRAEL

1. ALL EGYPTIAN DAILIES SEPTEMBER 30 FEATURE STORIES DETAILING US HESITATION IN PROVIDING PERSHING MISSILES TO ISRAEL. AHAM AND GOMHURIYYA, UNDER BANNER HEADLINES, COMBINE STATEMENT FROM KUWAITI ACTING FONMIN SHAYKH SALIM AL-SABAH AL-SALIM AND ARTICLE IN CURRENT ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK TO CONCLUDE THAT US HAS STRUCK PERSHING MISSILES FROM LIST OF WEAPONS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION WITH ISRAEL.

2. STATEMENT BY SHAYKH SALIM, REPORTEDLY FOLLOWED MEETING BWTWEEN ACTING FONMIN AND AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUSS DURING WHICH AMBASSADOR ALLEGEDLY STATED "UNITED STATES HAS NO INTENTION OF PRESENTING THE PERSHING MISSILE TO ISRAEL AT THE PRESENT TIME." EGYPTIAN PAPERS REPORT THAT AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT MADE IN RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL KUWAITI DEMARCHE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTS CONCERNING PERSHING SALES TO ISRAEL.

3. NEWSWEEK ARTICLE, AS CITED BY CAIRO PRESS, REPORTS THAT OPPOSITION TO PERSHING SALES CURRENTLY GROWING IN PENTAGON CIRCLES AND THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE EXPRESSED DOUBTS CONCERNING THIS FURTHER ESCALATION OF MIDDLE EAST ARMS RACE.

4. COMMENT: AHRAH ALONE POINTS OUT THAT DEP PRIMIN FHAMY OVER A WEEK AGO COMMENTED THAT EGYPT FOLLOWING "WITH ANXIETY" DISCUSSION CONCERNING SALE OF PERSHING AND F-16'S TO ISRAEL AND THAT THIS STATEMENT WAS FOLLOWED ON SEPTEMBER 26 BY COMMUNIQUE FROM ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK CONDEMNING PROPOSED SALE. INFERENCE IS THAT EGYPT, THROUGH ITS NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH US AND LEADERSHIP AMONG ARABS, AT LEAST PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BLOCKING PERSHING DEAL.  
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